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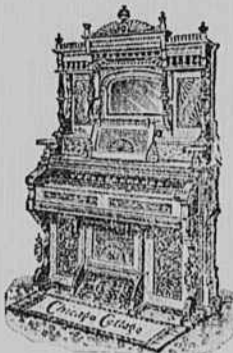
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THE POSTMASTERSHIP.

Harris Hoge Will Get the Roanoke Plum.

Col. J. W. Hartwell returned yesterday from Washington where he has been for several days on business. In speaking of the Roanoke postmastership the Colonel said that the matter was already settled beyond the possibility of a doubt. He said that the appointment had already been made by the president and that Mr. Harris Hoge was the lucky man. All that is needed to make Mr. Dupuy's successor a reality is the sending of the name of Mr. Hoge to the Senate and its ratification by that body. There is no likelihood that the Senate will fail to confirm the appointment. Mr. Hartwell says that the appointment will go to the Senate in the regular order of business which may be to-day or to-morrow and it might be a week before the official announcement of the appointment is made. It is understood that Col. J. Hampton Hoge was named by National Committee-man Scott for the position of district attorney and upon going to the President with the recommendation President McKinley then refused to ratify Mr. Scott's choice for the attorneyship. When Committee-man Scott informed Mr. Hoge of the President's decision, he at once asked the privilege of being allowed to name his local postmaster, it being understood that he would not name himself for the position. The privilege is said to have been granted by the President and Mr. Hoge proceeded to name his brother. The matter has been a great surprise to a majority of the Republicans in Roanoke, but now it is pretty well conceded by all applicants for the position that Mr. Hoge will be the lucky man and as a consequence it is understood have ceased all efforts to further their own individual applications. The consensus of opinion among Republicans and citizens generally is that viewed from a political standpoint, Everett Sprout was entitled to the plum.

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CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH DAY.

Just before the close of school yesterday the grammar grades of Gilmer Avenue school were called together. The exercises consisted of patriotic songs, recitations and sketches from the life of Washington, proved to be very interesting. Though no time had been taken from regular school work for preparation, the pupils deserve praise for the manner in which they rendered the selections given. At the close of the exercises, Rev. Mr. Bulla gave an appropriate and interesting address to the school drawing from the life of Washington the great lessons of preparation, promptness, patriotism and piety.

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A GREAT MUSICAL TREAT.

The Oratorio "Crucifixion" composed by Sir John Stainer, together with selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered by the Roanoke Choral Society at St. John's Episcopal Church on Thursday evening, March 31, 1898. Mr. Irvia J. Morgan one of the leading organists of Philadelphia, will preside at the organ. Mr. A. E. Coulter, of Richmond, will sing the tenor solos, and other prominent soloists will also take part. In connection with the organ, the piano and four brass horns will be used to make the orchestral part complete. The chorus is working hard at their rehearsals and we can assure the public that there is a great musical treat in store for them.

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THE SMOKER TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Times acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the tenth anniversary "Smoker" of the Junior Hose Company No. 2, which will take place at their fire house to-morrow night. An interesting programme will be rendered all who are so fortunate as to secure one of the much coveted "bids" are promised a good time.

ACTIVITY AT NORFOLK.

Navy Yard Force on Duty Sunday—Monitors Continued in Commission. Norfolk, Feb. 21.—Yesterday for the first time in years, the force employed at the Norfolk navy yard has worked on Sunday. All Saturday night plumbers and steam fitters worked ceaselessly on the torpedo boats Potomac and Winslow. Thirteen hundred men are now employed at the dock, the force having been largely augmented within the past few days. The orders continuing the big monitors, Terror and Puritan, in commission, and ordering vacancies in their complement of officers and men filled immediately, occasioned much excitement. A draft of twenty-one men arrived here this morning from the receiving ship Ver-

THE EXCITEMENT SUBDUED

Pending the Report of the Board of Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Sunday's rest has had the effect of calming the nerves of official Washington, and with everything dependent on the findings of the board of inquiry there is nothing to do except await the momentous report from the four naval officers, whose decision may bring peace or war.

Outwardly there was little to-day in the big State, War and Navy Department building to indicate any serious state of affairs, but behind the official curtain things were going on known only to a few persons whose faces wore expressions solemn enough to excite suspicion. The situation is admitted to be very grave indeed. Those in authority do not deny that fact, but they are not letting the public know how critical is the condition which confronts the country. Their official actions, however, show that every preparation is being made. There was nothing in the telegrams to-day from Lee and Sigsbee to throw any light on the cause of the terrible disaster. Lee telegraphed that more divers were necessary. Sigsbee's dispatches relate almost wholly to the condition of the wounded. The only piece of information sent by him was that no investigation had been made of the zone of the explosion. This was interpreted to mean that none of the divers have been into that part of the ship to which the havoc was confined. The investigation is now practically out of Captain Sigsbee's hands as the board of inquiry arrived to-day and will begin their duties immediately.

While matters are in a state of suspension in Havana, the Washington end of it is actively engaged in preparations of a momentous character. The most significant action has been the order telegraphed to Captain Chester, of the cruiser Cincinnati, senior officer on the South Atlantic Naval Station, to proceed with his ship and gunboat Castine from Para Brazil to Barbadoes.

Quite as significant is the order to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard to have monitor Terror read for sea within two days.

As the concentration of the fleet near Havana left the northern coast entirely unprotected, the Terror will probably be assigned to New York. It has been determined to distribute armored ships all along the South Atlantic coast as fast as they become available. The monitor Puritan, now at Norfolk undergoing hurried preparations for sea service, will anchor in Hampton Roads to protect Norfolk, Fort Monroe, and approaches to Washington. Within the past three weeks seven hundred additional men have been added to the working force at the various navy yards, the majority being assigned to Mare Island, New York and Norfolk, where all ship construction and repairs are now generally conducted. At present 2,600 men are employed at New York on various kinds of work. At Norfolk 2,300 are employed, increase of four hundred recently, and at Mare Island 1,200. The Washington gun factory has added 200 men to its force, bringing the number to 700, while the work of overhauling ships in reserve at League Island called for an increase of 230. The grand total of men now engaged in getting ships ready and making guns number 7,500.

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McLAUGHLIN TO FIGHT CROKER.

He Will Not Allow Him to Meddle in Brooklyn Politics.

New York, Feb. 21.—Hugh McLaughlin's fight against the encroachments of Tammany Hall is opened. Richard Croker and Senator Grady have prepared to meet the onslaught.

Tammany leaders believe that if they can get their new civil service rules working right they can build up a Tammany annex to Kings, with the patronage that will sap the life out of the Kings county organization.

Friends of Mr. Croker say that he is very angry at the Brooklyn Democracy, because of their covert attack on the Democratic club, which is his especially pet project. Early in January the word was passed around in Brooklyn that it would be a good thing to keep out of Mr. Croker's Democratic Club.

The Queens county Democracy did not have as much sand as those of Brooklyn and it is pouring to the club and the Tammany society, at the same time kicking at the expense. It costs \$125 to get into the Democratic Club and considerable money in the course of a year.

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THE BILL PASSED.

The Senate Disposed of the General Appropriation Measure.

Richmond, Feb. 21.—The Senate passed the general appropriation bill as it came from the committee after a hot fight.

The general appropriation bill reported by the senate committee was further discussed to-day and passed after a hot fight in the senate. The bill met with favor in the senate but the "house of commons" across the hall say they will never pass such a bill. As a retrenchment measure the house considers the bill a farce and some of the senators were cruel enough to refer to it as a feeble effort to satisfy the demands of the taxpayers and at the same time avoid hurting the feelings or pockets of the tender-hearted office-holders and donation-recipients.

The house is not in a very pleasant mood and many of its members who are for retrenchment without stopping to consider individual conveniences openly express surprise and displeasure at the shifting, halting action of the senate committee.

The effort to make the bill appear as a retrenchment measure to the amount of \$70,000 is farcical when it is seen that more than a third of this amount shows in the reduction of criminal expenses. Cutting down the appropriations for the conviction of criminals never yet stopped crime, and the bill for criminal expenses will have to be paid whether it be \$25,000 less or \$50,000 more than in past years.

The house seems disposed to entirely ignore the work of the senate committee and has its own committee now engaged in the work of framing an appropriation bill of its own on lines far different from those of the senate bill and one that will mean a saving to the State of at least \$100,000.

The governor vetoed the bill empowering females to act as notaries public.

Senator St. Clair offered a bill providing for an emblem ballot.

The bill proposing to move the Agricultural Department to Blacksburg was defeated in the senate. The department will remain in Richmond but will cost \$6,000 per annum less than formerly.

A delegation from the Maryland legislature is here to confer with the committee of the Virginia legislature on the boundary line question.

Senator Letcher to-day introduced a resolution proposing that after 1900 the voting privilege be restricted by an educational qualification.

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DIES WHILE QUARRELING.

Tragic End of a Philadelphia Factory Hand.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—The big looms in Gordon Brother's mill, Pierce and Orthodox streets, Frankford, were not set in motion at the usual hour, 7 o'clock, yesterday morning, not because there was anything the matter with the machinery, but for the reason that the main building of the plant was the scene of a tragedy. Oliver H. Harrison, 23 years of age, and Paul S. Bryant, both spinners, quarreled over a matter involving less than 5 cents, and in the fight which was brought about by the angry words the former fell to the ground dead.

Bryant, who will be 23 years old on Tuesday, was arrested and afterward committed to prison to await the action of the coroner. It is not known exactly whether Harrison died as the result of the blows inflicted on him by Bryant, but it is the general impression among those who witnessed the fight that the young man's tragic death was due to heart failure.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

The Brother of Senator Tillman Enters the Race.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—Ex-Congressman George D. Tillman, seventy odd years old, but hale and hearty, and a brother of Senator Tillman, will be a candidate for governor this summer. George Tillman has not spoken to his brother for several years. When the latter first entered the political field his brother, the Congressman, is said to have backed him financially.

The rupture between them is said to be that then Tillman, to repay W. J. Talbert for political service, supported him in his race against George Tillman, and so caused his brother's defeat. George Tillman is regarded as one of the strongest men in the State.

TRANSVAAL MOUNTING GUNS.

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town says that the government of the Transvaal is ostentatiously mounting guns at Johannesburg and conveying cartridges, shells, rifles and Maxim guns to that city. Eight truck loads of war material were paraded through the streets to the fort under charge of a detachment of state artillery.

The dispatch added that the lawyers of the Rand will meet to-morrow to consider the government's action in dismissing Chief Justice Kotze, of the supreme court.

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PRACTICALLY DEFENSELESS.

Our Seacoast at the Mercy of the Enemy's Ships.

New York, Feb. 21.—A Washington dispatch to a conservative local paper to-day says:

General Miles told the joint appropriation committee last week that the whole coast, especially New York, was practically defenseless, owing to the reckless manner wherein big guns were left unprotected and uncared for on the fortifications. Three Congressmen of the committee were astounded at General Miles' charges and secretly visited New York to learn for themselves. They told the committee to-day that Gen. Miles' assertions were only too true. They found 107 new high rifle guns, which cost the Government over \$40,000 each, lying on skids, in a useless state.

General Miles was quoted as saying to-day that he had repeatedly warned Congress but vainly. He declared that the Spanish warship Vizcaya could easily capture every one of these big guns.

"Artillerymen recently sent to garrison at Sandy Hook," Miles says, "are now without sleeping quarters even, and on the Pacific coast the soldiers are compelled to sleep in tents."

It is probable that Congressional opposition to Mr. Hawley's bill, granting two more artillery regiments, will now cease through the committee's discoveries.

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A WRETCHED MOTHER'S DEED.

Did Her Baby and Then Tried to Drown Herself.

New York, Feb. 21.—Like Moses of old, the baby in this story was hidden by his mother at the bank of a river. Only instead of nestling romantically among the bullrushes with a tropic sky overhead, this babe was thrust under a lumber pile, while the rain from a bleak sky formed a mud puddle under his dripping robe.

That was the last Johanna Miller hoped to see of her child, or of any earthly thing, for she went immediately and threw herself into the river at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street.

The problem confronting the woman was more than she had the wit or the means to solve. She had just been turned loose from Bellevue Hospital, with her babe—an unwelcome stranger at the best—in her arms.

Johanna Miller's plans were foiled by a boy, who saw her jump into the water. The boy yelled for the watchman, and the watchman yelled for a policeman. The policeman, whose name was Spencer pulled off his tunic and threw him self into the river after the drowning woman.

And so Johanna Miller was dragged back to face reality, after seeing the border of shadow land. It was a ver unpleasant reality—very cold and damp and cheerless. Half an hour after leaving Bellevue Hospital she was back there again, only in the prison ward this time. The baby was back, too, in the children's ward.

The East river seems destined to play an important part in the fortune of Moses and his mother. Johanna Miller has committed an offense against the law by trying to kill herself. Therefore, she will be sent to Blackwell's Island. Moses has no one to care for him, and must become a stepson of the municipality of New York. Therefore, he will be sent to Randall's Island. A few miles of river will divide them.

MISS FITZHUGH KLOPES.

Her Last Attempt to Get Married is Successful.

Denton, Md., Feb. 21.—Miss Mary Fitzhugh, daughter of Rev. J. G. Fitzhugh, of this city, and Mr. William S. Padgett, of Spring Island, Fla., were married on Friday night.

The couple have made several unsuccessful attempts to get married. She was closely watched by her parents, but on Friday night succeeded in leaving the house unnoticed.

She was on a train before Mr. Fitzhugh discovered her absence, and he could not apprehend the couple before the nuptial knot was tied.

THEY HANGED THE BOY.

Center, Ala., Feb. 21.—Two weeks ago a mulatto boy, John Kellogg, criminally assaulted a 14-year-old white girl, Miss Roberts, living near Blanche, this county. The boy ran away, and a band of neighbors quickly followed him. The next day the citizens returned and reported that Kellogg had escaped. It now develops that he was caught by them and hanged in the woods about twenty miles north of this place.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair, westerly to northwest city winds.

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ACTIONS LOUDER THAN WORDS.

Evidenced By Mayor Van Wyck's Reception to Eulate.

New York, Feb. 21.—Captain Eulate, commander of the Vizcaya, paid a formal visit to Admiral Bance at the Brooklyn navy yard this morning. He spent half an hour in Bance's quarters exchanging compliments and chatting pleasantly. As he left the navy yard the receiving ship Vermont fired nine guns in honor of Consul Baldassano, who accompanied him.

A detective drove with them to the yard where the carriage was driven between two files of stalwart marines in brand new uniforms and brightly burnished accoutrements, down the main avenue to the commandant's headquarters. Ensign Payne walked at the carriage door and Commander Lyon, acting captain of yard, received the visitors.

Admiral Bance said he appreciated the position of Captain Eulate in coming to America at such a time, but he hoped he would feel perfectly at home. Eulate expressed the deepest sorrow for the Maine disaster. He tendered his sympathy to the commandant, the navy, the American people and the families of the sailors. "We shall keep our flags at half mast as long as we are in the harbor except to-morrow, when we shall fly them at our mast head."

Eulate told the admiral he did not know how long the Vizcaya would remain in American waters. "I shall await instructions here," he said, "but while we remain we will not take part in any entertainment. I have refused several very cordial invitations already."

After visiting army headquarters at Governor's Island, the party called upon the mayor, who simply bowed when Eulate was presented. He did not proffer his hand nor utter a word, bowing again when the party departed.

Later—Eulate told General Merritt the Vizcaya would only remain here four days.

A STEP FORWARD.

House of Commons Considers Local Irish Government Bill.

London, Feb. 21.—In the house of commons to-day Mr. Balfour, the chief secretary for Ireland, introduced the government's Irish government bill, which he said, would provide for the establishment of county councils, rural and suburban district councils and boards of guardians. The county councils would assume powers now held by the government with the exception of powers and matters relating to land compensation. They would also deal with exceptional relief. The subordinate bodies would receive proportionate authority. Grand juries would meet for the last time in 1899 and elections for new bodies following immediately.

Mr. Morley, formerly liberal chief secretary for Ireland, Nationalist Leader Dillon, Parnellite Leader Redmond and others spoke hopefully of the bill, promising no opposition. They consider it a great step toward home rule.

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LEONARD F. WELLES DEAD.

Body of the Late Commissioner Found in a Lonely Place.

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 21.—Ex-Police Commissioner Leonard F. Welles, of Brooklyn, who escaped Wednesday last from Dr. Cole's private asylum here, was found dead to-night in the woods, less than a mile from the sanitarium. The body was lying on the ground, with the throat cut from ear to ear by a razor. The discovery was made by Charles Farlee, a truckman, who lives near the sanitarium, and who, hearing of the reward of \$250 offered by the son of the missing man, started out in the afternoon to search.

Meanwhile twenty-five young men friends of the Welles family from Brooklyn were scouring the country in every direction. The place where the body was found is a lonely part of the woods near the foot of the Watchung Mountains. After leaving the sanitarium Wednesday afternoon Mr. Welles was seen to go in the direction of the mountains, and he probably went straight to the lonely place where he was found without being seen again.

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